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> Christian R. Brown:

Thank you for your comments.

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> Subject: Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the
> Production, Processing, and
> Handling of Food"

> To whom it may concern,

> I would like to say that I do
> not support the
> presence of irradiated food in the marketplace,
> however, I
> recognize the fact that others may
> not feel as threatened by the prospect. I
> do
> find the idea of improper (or lack of proper)
> labeling of such foods to be
> criminal. If
> producers are currently required to list
> ingredients of their
> products, I cannot see
> why they should not be required to label
> potentially
> hazardous processing techniques
> that certainly alter the products' base
> ingredients, as well as contribute trace
> radioactive particles to the
> products. This
> to me constitutes an added ingredient, and
> regardless of how
> little of it is present,
> the health risks of these "additives" need to
> be
> clearly addressed. Furthermore, when I
> learn that agribusiness and nuclear

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> industries,
> of whom I am already skeptical, seek to avoid
> such labeling, or
> use benign euphemisms such
> as "cold pasteurization", I begin to sense
> foul
> play. If irradiating our food does not
> pose a threat to consumers or food
> handling
> workers, then call a spade a spade and let
> people make their own
> informed purchasing
> decisions. But altering the marketability of
> a product
> through deceit is shameful, and is not
> an activity that should be condoned by
> the
> American people's Food and Drug Administration.
> I look forward to any
> comments you might have.
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> Regards, Christian Brown
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